

OPTIONAL STATE SUPPLEMENTATION

STATUTORY BASIS FOR PAYMENT	Section 176-600, Connecticut General Statutes.
EFFECTIVE DATE	January 1, 1974.
ADMINISTRATION	Department of Social Services.
PASSALONG	In compliance by the method of maintaining all payment levels.
SCOPE OF COVERAGE	Optional supplement provided for aged, blind, and disabled SSI or Title II recipients living alone and with others. No provision is made for essential persons. Blind children are eligible for supplementation, but disabled children are not. Blind and disabled recipients are reclassified as aged upon reaching 65 years old.
RECOVERIES, LIENS, AND ASSIGNMENTS	Liens secure claims against real property. State has a preferred mandatory claim against an estate to the extent that it is not needed for the support of the surviving spouse, parent, or dependent children of the decedent. Liens may released upon payment of claim or amount equal to beneficiary's interest. If applicant/recipient owns other nonhome property he/she must be making a bona fide effort to sell it. During that time, he/she gives the State a security mortgage.
RELATIVE RESPONSIBILITY	Spouse for spouse; parents for blind children under 18.
INCOME DISREGARDS	<p>Unearned Income: For recipients residing in the community, State disregards \$183.00 of any unearned income including SSI; for recipients residing in boarding homes, \$90.70 is disregarded. The disregard is \$250.90 for recipients residing with unrelated persons in the community.</p> <p>Earned Income: The first \$65 and one-half of the remainder for aged and disabled; the first \$85 and one-half the remainder for the blind. Work related expenses for the blind including personal expenses such as Social Security tax, life and health insurance, lunch, and transportation. Additional deductions are allowed for the blind and disabled related to plans for self-support. Those who are disabled are also allowed deductions for impairment related work expenses.</p>

RESOURCE LIMITATIONS No limit on real property occupied as a home. Equity in real property other than a home must be liquidated. Value of personal property (excluding household and personal effects, car if needed, and tools and equipment or livestock essential to production of income) limited to \$1,600 for an individual and \$2,400 for a couple. In addition, up to \$1,200 for burial contract reduced by the value of irrevocable burial arrangements and the face value of life insurance policies of \$1,500 or less.

PLACE OF APPLICATION Regional offices of State agency.

FUNDING Assistance: State funds.
Administration: State funds.

INTERIM ASSISTANCE State participates.

PAYMENT LEVELS ¹

<u>Living arrangements</u>	<u>Combined Federal/State</u>		<u>State supplementation</u>	
	<u>Individual</u>	<u>Couple</u>	<u>Individual</u>	<u>Couple</u>
Independent community living ²	\$747.00	\$1,094.00	\$235.00	\$325.00
Licensed Room and Board facility ³	512.00	769.00	(³)	(³)
Medicaid Facility	51.00	102.00	21.00	42.00

¹ Unless otherwise stated, payment levels apply equally to the aged, blind, and disabled. Committee sets boarding home rate on State payments in accordance with individual cost data for the operations of the facility.

² Budget process used to establish payments amounts. This supplement consists of a housing allowance (maximum of \$400 for living alone; \$200 for living with others), basic needs items, minus countable income (see income disregards). The amount presented assumes eligibility for the highest rental allowance and the maximum budget amount.

³ Persons residing in these living arrangements receive a supplement that may vary depending on the facility.

STATE ASSISTANCE FOR SPECIAL NEEDS

ADMINISTRATION Department of Social Services.

**SPECIAL NEED
CIRCUMSTANCES:**

RECURRING	Emergency housing-	one occurrence per calendar year-- no more than 60 days per occurrence
	Refuse collection-	actual charge
	Therapeutic diet -	\$36.20 a month
	Meals-on-wheels -	\$4.19 one meal a day \$7.66 two meals a day
	Restaurant meals -	\$36.20 a month for an individual living in the community \$7.80 per day for an individual living in emergency housing

NONRECURRING	Security deposit for housing -	up to 2 times the monthly obligation
	Security deposit for heating service -	actual cost up to limit of \$200
	Storage charges -	up to 3 months
	Moving expenses	
	Essential household furnishings	
	Telephone installation	
	Essential clothing	

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ELIGIBILITY:

CRITERION Federal and State guidelines.

DETERMINED BY State.

**MEDICALLY NEEDY
PROGRAM** Program for the aged, blind, and disabled medically needy.

**UNPAID MEDICAL
EXPENSES** The Social Security Administration does not obtain this information.